Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and,

Whereas, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease is the most frequently inherited neurological disorder affecting 1 in 2,500 worldwide, and approximately 333 South Dakotan's have Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease that is not noticed at birth, and some Charcot-Marie-Tooth symptoms are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and,

Whereas, Diagnosed Charcot-Marie-Tooth patients suffer with troubles walking, maintaining balance, clumsiness, stumbling, and numbness in the arms and legs; and,

Whereas, Despite these statistics, not many physicians are confident on how to treat Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease. There is little funding that is available for Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease research and support; and,

Whereas, The establishment of Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month will provide the opportunity to share experiences and information with the public and the media in order to raise public awareness about Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2015, as

CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State